EXHIBIT A

1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
3	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
4	Plaintiff,
5	OSAGE MINERALS COUNCIL,
6	Intervenor-Plaintiff
7	vs. No. 14-CV-704-GFK-JFJ
8	OSAGE WIND, LLC; ENEL KANSAS, LLC; and ENEL GREEN POWER NORTH AMERICA, INC.,
9	Defendants.
10	Defendants.
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12	REMOTE VIDEO DEPOSITION OF EVERETT WALLER
13	TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS ON AUGUST 5, 2021, BEGINNING AT 10:07 A.M.
14	TAKEN VIA ZOOM REPORTED BY MIKE WASHKOWIAK, CCR
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21		It is stipulated that the dep	osition of EVERETT
22	WALLER	may be taken pursuant to agreeme	ent and in
23	accorda	ance with the Federal Rules of Ci	vil Procedure on
24	AUGUST	5, 2021, before Mike Washkowiak,	CCR.
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All right. So is it fair to say that at least 1 0 in this article you're saying you don't have a generalized 2. 3 opposition to alternate energy or anything of the fact; is 4 that fair? 5 Α And I don't. All right. But what you say is the site is the 6 problem. What do you mean by the site in this time frame 7 July of 2014? 8 9 If we had had consideration --10 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm going to direct the witness not to answer the question as it releases 11 specific facts of this case. That was a time before this 12 13 litigation was initiated, and the Court has ruled that 14 testimony irrelevant. So I'm instructing the witness not 15 to answer that question. 16 (BY MR. McCORMACK) All right. Let me ask this Q question, which is I think you just said you don't have a 17 18 problem with alternate energy; is that fair? 19 Α Yes. 20 All right. But what you have, at least theoretically then and today, is a problem with the 21 2.2 location of alternate energy; is that fair? 23 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. To the extent that question involves a statement of facts related to the time 24

period before this litigation was initiated, which that

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1 being paid to the Osage Nation; is that fair? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. Compound question. 2. 3 Please answer if you know. 4 It would only be at the request to the Bureau of Α 5 Indian Affairs that would deliver us that exact number. (BY MR. McCORMACK) Well, do you know if any 6 0 proposed oil drilling or exploration on the 8400 acres is 7 8 not proceeding because of the existence of the wind farm 9 on the property? 10 I do not. Α 11 You recognize that, and I know that we walked through this earlier today, and I was appreciative of your 12 13 patience with me, that your knowledge of what's been going 14 on at the OMC really goes back to 2010 before you were 15 actually on the council, and you know there was a lawsuit 16 brought by the OMC to try to stop the development of the wind farm on the theory that it would interfere with the 17 18 development of oil and gas, right? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the 19 20 witness not to answer. This involves facts pre-existing the filing of this lawsuit, so I'm instructing the witness 21 22 not to answer. 23 0 (BY MR. McCORMACK) You understand that the District Court, federal court here in this case, ruled 24

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that in fact the wind farm did not interfere in the

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               THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record at
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     12:30 p.m.
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               MR. McCORMACK: Do me a favor, and I apologize
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     to everybody, could you read me back the last Q & A?
               (Last question and answer read back)
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               (BY MR. McCORMACK) So you have, obviously the
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     lawsuit was filed in November 2014. There were efforts
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     made at that time for an injunction. All of those
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     pleadings postdated the filing by physical mean, and
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     you've read those. You've read those materials,
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     Mr. Waller?
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               Yes.
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               All right. And you saw the decision of the
     Court that came in the early part of this case that
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     precluded any injunctive -- withdrawn.
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               You've seen the history of the case since that
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     time?
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               To date, yes.
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               Yes, sir. And I know we'll get into the minutes
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     in a while here, and that comes up periodically at the
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     Osage Minerals Council's meetings; is that fair?
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               It should.
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               Yes, indeed. Let me ask you, going back to what
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     I think was marked as 158, which is your candidate
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     interview in 2018, we talked about what you meant by the
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best oilfield, and I think we've walked through that 1 pretty comprehensively. I asked you -- I know I asked you 2 3 previously whether you personally opposed the development 4 of renewable energy projects such as wind farms in Osage 5 County, and I think we have the answer to that question on the record. 6 7 My question is have you spoken to others in the Osage Minerals Council on that subject matter, that is, 8 whether they generally oppose the development of renewable 9 energy projects such as wind farms anywhere in Osage 10 11 County? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. To the extent that 12 13 requires answers that occurred prior to the filing of this 14 lawsuit, I'm instructing the witness not to answer. 15 (BY MR. McCORMACK) That was seven years ago, so Q 16 I'm assuming there must be some conversations in that time frame, but I'll leave it to you, Mr. Waller? 17 18 A There was a council directive. There was a council directive? 19 Q 20 Yes, a consensus. A What was the council directive and consensus? 21 22 A To find some relief. 23 Q To find some relief from what? 24 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. We're getting into

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privileged communications regarding this lawsuit, so I'm

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- instructing the witness not to answer.
- 2 MR. McCORMACK: You didn't even get close to
- 3 establishing that. I was talking about his communications
- 4 with other Osage Council -- Osage Minerals Council members
- 5 about their generalized approach to renewable energy in
- 6 Osage County. I don't see where that gets into privilege.
- 7 So if you're going to instruct him not to answer that, go
- 8 ahead and do it, but I'm going to keep asking questions on
- 9 that until we can get established some of that is somehow
- 10 privileged.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) Let me ask this question.
- 12 You said that you were -- you had a directive. What was
- the directive that you discussed with members of the Osage
- 14 Minerals Council?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. To the extent that
- 16 involves privileged communications between Minerals
- 17 Council members, possibly and likely with legal counsel
- 18 present, I'm instructing the witness not to answer the
- 19 question.
- 20 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) I'm not asking about any
- 21 communications you may have had with your counsel present.
- 22 I'm extremely mindful of attorney-client privilege. I
- 23 believe in it very much. I'm asking about you about
- 24 communications that you had with members of the Osage
- 25 Minerals Council independent of and without your counsel

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- 1 witness not to answer. To the extent that calls for
- 2 questions that preexist the filing of this lawsuit, then
- 3 the witness should not answer this question.
- 4 MR. McCORMACK: I'm going to break it in two,
- 5 then, because I want that instruction on the record.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) So to the extent you've had
- 7 conversations with the Osage Minerals Council prior to the
- 8 filing of this lawsuit on the subject of whether or not
- 9 the Osage Minerals Council should generally oppose the
- development of renewable energy projects such as wind
- 11 farms anywhere in Osage County, please tell me what those
- communications are?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the reasons I
- 14 stated earlier, the Court has ruled that that information
- regarding communications prior to the filing of this
- 16 lawsuit are irrelevant and, therefore, based on that court
- order, I'm instructing the witness not to answer.
- 18 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) All right, now let me take
- 19 the next piece of that. Please tell me any communications
- 20 you've had with Osage Minerals Council members without
- 21 counsel present after December 1, 2014 in which the
- 22 subject matter is whether the Osage Minerals Council
- 23 should oppose the development of renewable energy projects
- 24 such as wind farms anywhere in Osage County?
- MR. ASHWORTH: Object to the form.

1 Chief Standing Bear. There's no lawyers. I'm not talking 2. about lawyers. 3 MR. PIPESTEM: You did not -- first of all, if you're asking me the question, then I'll answer it. You 4 5 did not limit the question to whether counsel was not There's also the question of executive privilege 6 that we've raised repeatedly in this case. So you can set 7 aside your -- you can ask the question about the time 8 after the lawsuit, but it doesn't mean there aren't other 9 10 privileges or other limitations of what he can answer. 11 MR. McCORMACK: Okay. Let me try this. 12 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Have you ever had any 13 conversation about the future of renewable energy and wind farms in Osage County, Oklahoma after December 1, 2014 14 15 with any person where your lawyers were not present? All 16 you've got to answer that question is yes or no. 17 Α Yes, I have. 18 Q All right. Now answer the question of who did 19 you have those conversations with, and no other question? 20 I have referred back to my chief. 21 All right. Did you have any conversations with O 22 other members of the Osage Minerals Council on that 23 subject matter after December 1, 2014?

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MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the

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- witness not to answer that question to the extent that
- legal counsel may have been present or there may have been
- discussion of legal strategy in that conversation between
- Minerals Counsel. So on that basis, I'm instructing the
- 5 witness not to answer to preserve privilege.
- 6 MR. McCORMACK: Yeah, well, I would disagree
- 7 with you on that. You've got to establish that there was
- 8 actually privileged communication that took place first.
- 9 I was very careful what I asked. I asked him whether he'd
- 10 had a conversation. I didn't ask him -- and who he had it
- 11 with. I didn't ask him what it was. You get to assert
- 12 privilege once you identify the basis of the privilege.
- 13 You've got to have a person and persons and you have a
- 14 legal issue. I'm not going to fight you --
- MR. PIPESTEM: Counsel, if you leave the door
- 16 open to the communication with whoever might be there,
- 17 that could include attorneys, and so I'm going to instruct
- 18 the witness not to violate the privilege in that
- 19 circumstance.
- MR. McCORMACK: You have to identify the
- 21 attorney to establish the privilege. I'm not asking what
- 22 he said. This is identifying the communication. I
- 23 haven't asked substantively anything about what was said.
- 24 You can't assert a privilege unless you establish the
- 25 elements of privilege. You've got to have a lawyer,

1 subject to in terms of possible objection by the Office of the Principal Chief. I'm just trying to find out if that 2. 3 as a practical matter is something that is understood by 4 the Osage Minerals Council and the Office of Principal 5 Chief based upon your observations and knowledge? Speaking on behalf as the chairman, yes, I'm 6 aware of it. 7 Right. That's all I was trying to find out. So 8 Q 9 as a practical matter, look, organizations have rules, and 10 I'm just trying to figure -- and practicalities. So what 11 I'm trying to figure out, and maybe you answered the question, Mr. Waller, from what you told me earlier today, 12 13 which is from 2010 you were really the representative, if 14 you will, of the chief at that time to the Osage Minerals 15 Council. I presume because the chief understands that it 16 does have this objection right, is that one of the reasons why you understood you were you doing that job for the 17 18 prior chief? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the 19 20 witness not to answer on any matter prior to the filing of 21 this litigation, including at the time from 2010 until the 22 time this case was filed. 23 MR. McCORMACK: I can't stop you from doing 24 that, but you are overreading the judge's orders. You 25 seem to think that anything that happened before the date

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- of this Complaint is off-limits, and the issue is whether
- 2 or not the bad faith of the Osage Nation and Osage
- 3 Minerals Council, I understand that that's what the Court
- 4 dealt with. But out of good faith, and it's certainly not
- 5 off the table and these questions have been asked of
- 6 multiple witnesses, our witnesses and other witnesses, and
- 7 no one has instructed that the date of the Complaint is
- 8 some wall that nobody can go past. I really disagree with
- 9 that. If you're going to continue to instruct to do it,
- 10 there's nothing I can do about that, but you do so at your
- 11 own peril.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) I'm going to ask the
- 13 question again. Did you understand in 2010 when you were
- working on behalf of the chief at that time that one of
- 15 your jobs was to inform the chief so that he could
- 16 properly exercise his authority constitutionally under
- 17 Article 15?
- 18 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- 19 witness not to answer the question for the reasons I've
- 20 given before.
- MR. McCORMACK: Okay, I want to get that on the
- 22 (record.) Is your view that anything that happened before
- the date of this Complaint is off-limits for this witness?
- MR. PIPESTEM: I'll let you interpret the
- 25 Court's order any way you want to. I think your

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- interpretation is wrong.
- MR. McCORMACK: I'm not asking that. I'm asking
- what your instruction is so that I don't waste a lot of
- 4 time in this deposition. If your view is that anything
- 5 that happened prior to the date of the lawsuit,
- 6 November 2014, is not something I can ask about, then
- 7 please state that on the record so I understand exactly
- where you're coming from.
- MR. PIPESTEM: I have restated it over and over
- and over again. I don't know how much more clear I can be
- about it. I have stated that over and over again.
- 12 MR. McCORMACK: Okay, I got it. So you're
- 13 saying that this witness will not be allowed to answer any
- 14 questions having to do with any subject matter prior to
- the date of this lawsuit in November of 2014?
- 16 MR. PIPESTEM: Related to this lawsuit, that's
- 17 right. You asked him questions about -- a number of
- 18 questions about his educational background, his employment
- 19 history. Of course I allowed those questions. But
- 20 consistent with the Court's orders, you are not permitted
- 21 to ask irrelevant questions when there is a court order
- that has determined that that's the case.
- 23 MR. McCORMACK: The power of the Constitution of
- 24 the Osage Minerals Council and the Office of the Principal
- 25 Chief is in and of itself distinct from anything going on

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1	Q All right, okay. I know I was going to ask you
2	this question, too, which is on the remedy side of this.
3	A Yes.
4	Q I know we've talked about and we saw it earlier
5	in some of the interviews that you gave, and I know that
6	the judge in this case when he issued the order denying
7	the injunction relative to the original lawsuit mentioned
8	both federal and Oklahoma state public policies in favor
9	of renewables. How do those public policies, that of the
10	federal government and the state of Oklahoma, factor into
11	your thinking about remedies in this case, if they do?
12	A If I had a company who came to me and asked me
13	to go to my federal team to develop some project in my
14	Osage Reservation that I felt comfortable with and
15	directed by my council, I think it would be a great
16	partnership. I'm going to be dealing with them anyway.
<mark>17</mark>	Well, let me ask you this. I know, and again,
18	we can walk through all these minutes because I've seen
19	them, but we know that in 2013 when the first
20	communications were made with my client about
21	A Yes.
22	Q whether or not there was a mineral element to
23	this, that the BIA struggled with whether there actually
24	was and said that they were struggling with whether there
25	was. Do you remember that part of this?

MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the 1 2 witness not to answer the question. It involves a -- you 3 cited something in 2013 prior to bringing this litigation. 4 I'm instructing the witness not to answer. 5 MR. McCORMACK: Well, this, I think, goes to my client's good faith, not the Osage Nation's purported bad 6 7 faith. 8 (BY MR. McCORMACK) And that is in 2013 you O understood that the BIA wasn't sure whether or not there 9 was a minerals component to what the wind farm was doing. 10 Is that fair from your observations of what was going on 11 12 at that time? 13 MR. PIPESTEM: Again, I'm going to instruct the 14 witness not to answer. I'm objecting not only on the 15 basis of -- well, the Court has ordered that that 16 information is not relevant to this case. So again, I'm instructing Chairman Waller not to answer the question. 17 18 MR. McCORMACK: And I'm going to make my record clear, too. I'm talking about my client's good faith, and 19 20 you have been doing an immense amount of discovery on that subject matter. That goes -- and our regulatory person 21 22 was inquired about everything that went back to 2011 23 because that goes to my client's good faith, and I'm 24 entitled to inquire about my client's good faith. [I'm not] 25

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doing anything about any alleged bad faith. I'm asking

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- 1 Mr. Waller, who was familiar with all the issues at the
- time, whether or not there was a struggle even within the
- BIA in 2013 as to whether or not mineral rights would be
- 4 implicated by this wind farm. Is that a fair question?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- witness not to answer for the reasons of irrelevance based
- on the Court's order.
- 8 MR. McCORMACK: All right, and I'm going to keep
- 9 asking the questions because I find that instruction
- 10 inappropriate.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) I know that there are --
- 12 there are minutes in which the BIA Superintendent Phillips
- comes and discusses these issues. Do you remember that
- issue, that is, whether or not the BIA was having
- difficulty deciding whether or not there was a mineral
- 16 element to this wind farm?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the reasons
- 18 stated before, I'm instructing the witness not to answer
- 19 the question.
- 20 (BY MR. McCORMACK) Do you understand why my
- 21 client might have in good faith concluded that there was
- 22 not a mineral element to the building of this facility?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the same reasons
- 24 stated, I'm instructing the witness not to answer.
- 25 MR. McCORMACK: I find that incredible, but I'm

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- 1 going to keep asking the question and we'll let the Court decide. 2. 3 MR. PIPESTEM: Absolutely. 4 O (BY MR. McCORMACK) Do you understand why it is 5 my client might have in good faith believed that there was not a mineral consequence to the development of the wind 6 7 farm on the 8400 acres? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the reasons 8 stated repeatedly in this deposition, I'm instructing the 9
- 10 witness not to answer the question.
- 11 (BY MR. McCORMACK) Was there a doubt in your
- mind, Mr. Waller, at any time in the 2013-2014 period as 12
- 13 to whether or not there was a mineral aspect to the
- 14 project that my client was engaged in on the 8400 acres?
- 15 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the reasons
- stated, I'm instructing the witness not to answer the 16
- 17 question.
- 18 (BY MR. McCORMACK) Did you have discussions
- with other members of the Osage Minerals Council in the 19
- 20 2013-2014 period as to whether or not there was indeed a
- 21 minerals element to the construction project that Osage
- 22 Wind was building on the 8400 acres?
- 23 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- 24 witness not to answer the question on the basis of
- 25 relevance as determined by the Court and because of

- 1 privilege.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) Well, it's now 2021 and
- we're here talking about this lawsuit, and on any basis
- between 2014, the date that the lawsuit began, and today,
- 5 have you at least considered the prospect that my client
- was acting in good faith when it concluded it did not have
- a mineral element to the construction of the wind farm on
- 8 the 8400 acres?
- MR. PIPESTEM: For the reasons stated, I'm
- 10 objecting on the basis of relevance as determined by the
- 11 Court. I'm instructing the witness not to answer.
- 12 MR. McCORMACK: I made that question from the
- 13 period, although I disagree 100 percent with what you're
- 14 doing here --
- MR. PIPESTEM: That's okay. You can do that all
- 16 day. We're going to go through this process. That's
- 17 what --
- 18 MR. McCORMACK: I understand.
- 19 MR. PIPESTEM: So your commentary is unwelcome.
- 20 If you want me to answer a question, I will.
- 21 MR. McCORMACK: I was just going to say that
- 22 that last question was couched in the way that your
- objection would not be applicable, which was from two
- 24 thousand -- from December of 2014 to today. So now you're
- 25 going to instruct him not to answer in that period too?

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     don't mind. I'm going to switch to another subject
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     matter.
              Is that good?
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               MR. PIPESTEM: Chairman Waller, would a break
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     okay with you?
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               THE WITNESS: How long?
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               (BREAK FROM 2:42 TO 2:54)
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               THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record at
     2:54 p.m.
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               (BY MR. McCORMACK) Welcome back, Mr. Waller.
     Just quickly, and I have spoken to counsel for the OMC in
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     the break, and the next section of this deposition was
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     intending to walk through relevant OMC minutes and events
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     that led up to the dispute and then ultimately resulted in
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     a lawsuit filed on November 21, 2014, which is the lawsuit
     that we're in currently. In light of the -- in light of
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     the position taken by counsel for the OMC that he is not
     going to allow any questions on these subject matters to
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     be answered in the timeframe prior to November 21, 2014, I
     said that I would simply preserve my objection to that
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     instruction and pick up on November 21, 2014, with a full
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     reservation of rights, so that's what I'm going to do.
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               MR. McCORMACK: Counsel, I'm happy to have any
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     additional statements you may wish to make on the record
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- 1 at this point.
- MR. PIPESTEM: Okay. Yes, I'm going to instruct
- 3 the witness not to answer on any matters deemed irrelevant
- 4 by the Court. I'm also going to instruct the witness not
- 5 to answer any questions that would violate the
- attorney-client privilege or any other privilege,
- 7 including the common interest privilege with the United
- 8 States.
- 9 What I would recommend is that if you want to
- 10 ask each question because I may have objections to the
- question based on form, the government may have objections
- 12 based on the question for other reasons. But if we need
- to get that on the record and you want do that, certainly
- we're glad to do that.
- MR. McCORMACK: Okay, thank you, Counsel. To me
- 16 I think it was just important to understand that I had
- 17 intended to ask this witness as the chairman of the Osage
- Minerals Council and as someone who this morning I was
- able to demonstrate was familiar with the processes of the
- 20 Osage Minerals Council from 2010 forward, I was planned
- 21 ask him a series of questions relevant to that timeframe,
- 22 but we've all agreed that I'm not going to get any answers
- 23 today.
- And so I appreciate, Counsel, your statement,
- and I understand that if you have additional objections

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- 1 you'll make them. But again I'll just say for the record
- I reserve my rights relative to all the instructions that
- 3 stopped my inquiry from anything that happened prior to
- November 21, 2014. With that, let's set sail on this next
- 5 section.
- 6 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Let me ask you quickly to
- 7 look at what I have marked as or I will mark as
- 8 Exhibit 161, which is, for the concierge, under tab 75.
- 9 It is a letter dated, ironically, November 21, 2014 from
- 10 the Osage Nation to Enel Green Power North America. Let
- 11 me ask you, Mr. Waller, have you seen this letter before?
- 12 (WHEREUPON, Exhibit 161 was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did you have any role in preparing the letter?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q All right. By this time, I believe you were
- 18 chair of the OMC, correct, November of 2014?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q This was one of those issues I talked to you
- 21 about previously when I was looking at the Osage Nation
- 22 Constitution, which was where did the authority of the
- 23 Osage Minerals Council stop and where did the authority of
- 24 the principal chief begin. And I think you told me that
- 25 the principal chief did have the right to speak on behalf

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- on issues that implicate the Osage Minerals Council
- 2 without the chairman of the Osage Minerals Council knowing
- 3 about it?
- 4 A This is a letter from the assistant chief. I
- 5 cannot deliver the answer to that.
- 6 Q Well, he saying he's acting principal chief.
- 7 That's how he signed it. So would that -- would that help
- 8 you answer the prior question?
- 9 A I did not direct the executive side.
- 10 Q All right. I think what I've learned is that
- 11 you learned about this letter probably about the same time
- 12 my client did, when you received a copy of it; is that
- 13 fair?
- 14 A Yes.
- Did you have a conversation with Raymond Redcorn
- or anybody else from the principal chief's office about
- 17 this letter?
- 18 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. (I'm going to instruct)
- 19 the witness not to answer on the basis of privilege,
- 20 relevance.
- 21 MR. McCORMACK: I don't get the privilege
- 22 question. Well, it doesn't matter what I think. I'm
- 23 asking -- in privilege you have to set up a basis for
- 24 privilege before you just assert the privilege.
- Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Well, let me ask you this.

1 preferred to resolve it through litigation? We were already in litigation. 2. 3 Understood. And this is a letter seeking to 4 maybe have a dialogue, and your response to it was no, or 5 not interested at this time, or let's see where the litigation goes? What was your reaction to this opening, 6 if you will? 7 8 Α As chairman I was in litigation. I cannot speak on behalf of the chief or assistant. 9 10 All right. Let me show you the next item, which I'll mark as, I think, 163 which is under tab 29. This is 11 12 a letter from you dated May 26, 2015. (WHEREUPON, Exhibit 163 was marked for 13 14 identification.) 15 Α Yes. 16 Q To Enel Green Power. You've seen this letter before, right? 17 18 Α Yes. All right. You see you write back and you say 19 Q 20 we received your letter, and then you say "The Osage" Minerals Council is not interested in meeting with 21 22 representatives of Enel at this time." Do you see that? 23 A Yes. 24 Q Why not? 25 I take direction --A

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- 1 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. The basis for that is
- 2 subject to attorney-client privilege. Communications
- between attorney and the client, the Minerals Council at
- 4 the time, went into litigation strategy. So I'm
- 5 instructing the witness not to answer the question.
- 6 MR. McCORMACK: That's a bold move, Counsel.
- 7 You just took over the question and decided it was
- 8 privileged, so let me --
- 9 MR. PIPESTEM: This is in the middle of
- 10 litigation, as you recall, Counsel. That's not that bold.
- 11 That's sort of, as you described earlier, sort of a
- 12 rational, easy response to this when you're asking about
- 13 what they're thinking about in the middle of litigation
- 14 when it mentions -- the letter mentions litigation on its
- 15 face.
- 16 MR. McCORMACK: When counsel appears on the
- 17 scene, I will stand back to privilege, but we haven't
- 18 established that yet. The question I asked Mr. Waller
- 19 is -- maybe in fairness to your objection, I'll try that.
- 20 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Which is prior to responding
- 21 to this letter -- excuse me. Prior to responding to the
- 22 Enel letter, did you have communications with your
- 23 counsel? You can answer that question yes or no.
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q All right. And after those communications with

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1 counsel this letter came, is that a fair description? 2 Α Yes. Q All right. Independent of your counsel without 3 4 regard to anything your counsel may have said to you, if 5 that's possible, did you personally decide that this was not a good time to have a conversation with the folks at 6 7 Enel? MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. That is a -- the 8 Chairman Everett Waller serves as the chairman of the 9 10 Osage Minerals Council, so his thoughts and deliberations are subject to -- this is all in preparation for 11 litigation, so I'm instructing the witness not to answer. 12 13 MR. McCORMACK: I asked -- I asked him 14 specifically whether or not he had a thought independent 15 of his counsel and in his personal capacity, which none of 16 those would implicate the privilege. I'm going to stand 17 with that question. 18 (BY MR. McCORMACK) Independent of your counsel and in your personal capacity, did you have a reaction to 19 20 whether or not this was a good time to be speaking to 21 Enel? 22 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. For the reasons I 23 stated before, this is subject to privilege, and so I'm 24 instructing the witness not to answer the question. 25 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Did you have any thoughts

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- independent of your counsel?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection for the same reasons I
- 3 stated.
- 4 MR. McCORMACK: How can you possibly say that
- 5 that's privileged, whether he had thoughts independent of
- 6 his counsel and you're saying that's privilege?
- 7 MR. PIPESTEM: Chairman Waller serves as the
- 8 chairman of the Osage Minerals Council.
- 9 MR. McCORMACK: Who cares? I'm asking him his
- 10 personal opinion without any lawyers.
- MR. PIPESTEM: I care. I care.
- MR. McCORMACK: I understand that.
- MR. PIPESTEM: I care.
- MR. McCORMACK: But I'm talking about the
- 15 technical point. Of course you care. My point is how can
- 16 you instruct a witness not to answer a question when I've
- 17 asked him independent of the advice he was getting from
- 18 counsel in his own personal opinion if he had a view?
- 19 What's privileged about that?
- 20 MR. PIPESTEM: It's related to litigation
- 21 involving the Osage Minerals Council where he's an
- 22 official, so that is a part of the deliberation they have,
- 23 each one of them, and then as a body, so that is
- 24 privileged. And so I'm instructing him not to answer the
- 25 question. Furthermore, I'm objecting on the basis of

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relevance as instructed by the Court.

- 2 MR. McCORMACK: I've stumbled into a funny place
- 3 with you guys.

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- 4 MR. PIPESTEM: I don't know -- well, I don't
- 5 want to argue with you, but I suggest you read not only
- 6 the court orders but your own filings here.
- 7 MR. McCORMACK: I understand. I understand all
- 8 that. My point is I know privilege quite well, and you're
- 9 instructing to answer things that I'm not asking about
- 10 privilege, and you're doing it promiscuously, but I can't
- 11 stop you from doing it.
- MR. PIPESTEM: I respectfully disagree with you,
- 13 Counsel.
- MR. McCORMACK: I understand. I understand. We
- 15 both have jobs to do.
- 16 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Anyway, since I can't ask
- 17 you about your personal opinions that you derived from
- 18 your own thinking and not your lawyer's, let me move on to
- 19 something else.
- You say in the next sentence, "In addition, your
- 21 letter was addressed to Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear and
- 22 Assistant Chief Raymond Redcorn. Any future
- 23 correspondence regarding proposed wind energy projects in
- 24 Osage County should be directed to Osage Minerals Council
- only." Why did you tell them that?

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- 1 A I'm in --
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- witness not to answer the question. This document was
- 4 written and signed by Chairman Waller in his capacity as
- 5 chairman of the Osage Minerals Council. The basis for
- 6 this communication is subject to a deliberative privilege
- 7 and the discussion among Minerals Council members, so I'm
- 8 instructing him not to answer question.
- 9 MR. McCORMACK: You know this letter was sent to
- 10 my client. You understand that, right? There's no
- 11 confidentiality associated with the statements in the
- 12 letter. You understand that, don't you?
- 13 MR. PIPESTEM: I understand exactly what the
- 14 document is.
- 15 MR. McCORMACK: Okay. But I've now asked him
- 16 what he meant by something he said in a letter to my
- 17 client, and you're saying he can't answer that question
- 18 because it's privileged? Is that what your point is?
- 19 MR. PIPESTEM: You're asking him to expound on a
- 20 letter that was written in the context of litigation, so
- 21 that is right.
- 22 MR. McCORMACK: I'm asking him what he meant
- 23 when he sent my client, clearly not within the privilege,
- 24 a statement. I'm asking him what he meant, and you're
- 25 saying he can't answer it because even though he made the

1 for asking questions that are inappropriate. 2. MR. McCORMACK: Okay. Let me ask more questions 3 that you apparently think are inappropriate about what he 4 meant when he sent something my client, so let me keep 5 going and I'm going to draw as many instructions as you decide are appropriate. 6 (BY MR. McCORMACK) I asked you pretty simply, Q 7 Mr. Waller, why you had told him that any future 8 9 correspondence regarding the proposed wind energy projects 10 in Osage County should be directed to the Osage Minerals 11 Council only, asking why you told them that. I'm going to ask you that again, except I think I'm going to draw an 12 13 objection you're not allowed to answer that question. 14 MR. McCORMACK: Is that right, Counsel? MR. PIPESTEM: That's correct, for the reasons I 15 16 stated before. MR. McCORMACK: And that reason is because you 17 18 think that's privileged, correct? MR. PIPESTEM: Yes, the deliberation that went 19 into this letter, it's privileged. Yes, it is. 20 21 (BY MR. McCORMACK) And then, "The Osage Q 2.2 Minerals Council is an independent agency charged with

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and developing the Osage Mineral Estate, the Osage

preserving the Osage Mineral Estate and protecting the

income derived from the minerals estate. In administering

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- 1 Minerals Council is responsible considering and approving
- 2 mineral leases and proposing other forms of development
- 3 within the minerals estate. Because wind energy projects
- 4 directly implicate and affect the minerals estate, wind
- 5 project-related correspondence should be directed to the
- 6 Osage Minerals Council only." Do you see that?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q All right. So you're instructing my -- you're
- 9 telling my client that they should only deal with the
- 10 Osage Minerals Council, not -- not the Office of the
- 11 Principal Chief, correct?
- 12 A We're litigants at the time, so it's a directive
- 13 back to us.
- 14 Q I don't know what that means. You're telling my
- 15 client that they should deal with the Osage Minerals
- 16 Council and not with the office of the chief, correct?
- 17 That's what you were telling them?
- 18 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 19 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) You can answer the question.
- 20 Mr. Waller, you can answer the question.
- 21 A We are in a federal case with our trustee is why
- 22 I needed it directed back to us.
- Q Well, at this time the Osage Minerals Council
- was not in the case, correct?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. Calls for a legal

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- 1 conclusion. And I'm going to instruct the witness not to
- answer the question. Relations between the United States
- as trustee and the Minerals Council as the trust
- 4 beneficiary of the Osage Nation when it comes to the Osage
- Mineral Estate are privileged. So the state of the Osage
- 6 Minerals Council's place in this is --
- 7 MR. McCORMACK: Just let me get it straight,
- 8 Counsel. I asked him the question of whether at this time
- 9 the Osage Minerals Council was a party to this lawsuit,
- 10 and you've just instructed him not to answer that question
- 11 on privilege?
- 12 MR. PIPESTEM: That's not the question you
- 13 asked, Counsel.
- 14 MR. McCORMACK: Well, then, let me ask that
- 15 question.
- 16 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) At this time was Osage
- 17 Minerals Council a party to this lawsuit?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q All right. Why did you advise Enel that they
- 20 should only deal with the Osage Minerals Council relative
- 21 to the subject matter on a go-forward basis?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- witness not to answer because that question gets to
- 24 matters of privilege as counsel -- as attorney-client and
- 25 deliberative privilege. I'm instructing him not to

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- answer.
- Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Did you speak to your
- 3 counsel, yes or no, on the subject matter of whether or
- 4 not Enel should communicate only with the Osage Minerals
- 5 Council on a go-forward basis relative to the wind farm?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. You're asking him
- 7 specifically a question about what he communicated with
- legal counsel, so I'm instructing him not to answer the
- 9 question.
- 10 MR. McCORMACK: Well, here's how privilege
- 11 works, at least in my world. You have the person who
- 12 communicated, the lawyer who was involved, and the general
- 13 subject matter of the communication, which is maintained
- 14 in confidence, and that makes it privileged so long as it
- 15 was of a legal nature. I asked him whether or not he had
- 16 spoken on the general subject matter of whether or not the
- 17 Osage Minerals Council should be the only party
- 18 communicating with Enel on a go-forward basis at this
- 19 time. That's what I asked.
- 20 MR. PIPESTEM: And that same question I would
- 21 instruct him not to answer because that would violate the
- 22 attorney-client privilege.
- 23 MR. McCORMACK: So although Mr. Waller informed
- 24 my client to communicate only with the Osage Minerals
- 25 Council, you're not going to let him answer the question

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1	Q In 2018?
2	A Yes.
3	Q Did he run for reelection or no?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Okay. And he didn't win, I take it?
6	A Correct.
7	Q All right. And what do you recall
8	Mr. Cheshewalla saying to you either at this Osage
9	Minerals Council meeting or at any other time with regard
10	to the prospect of potentially addressing the consequence
11	of wind farms being here to stay?
12	MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. Those communications
13	were part of deliberation between Minerals Council and
14	legal counsel in the midst of litigation in federal court.
15	I'm instructing the witness not to answer.
16	MR. McCORMACK: He just said we've just
17	testified and established that at this meeting there were
18	no lawyers that were representing Osage Minerals Council
19	in this litigation present.
20	A No, that's not the question you asked.
21	Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) What did Mr. Cheshewalla say
22	at this meeting with regard to any aspect of wind power?
23	A Just exactly what the minutes say he said.
24	Q And how long did he speak?
25	A Very short.

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- 1 Q Do you read that and do you recall that to be a
- follow-up to issues that Mr. Cheshewalla was raising?
- 3 A Yes, I believe it complemented it.
- 4 Q All right. Do you recall whether or not
- 5 Mr. Redcorn made any particular suggestions or had any
- 6 particular ideas about how to keep options open in the
- 7 renewables space on a go-forward basis?
- 8 A No specifics.
- Okay. At any time after this, do you recall
- 10 having a conversation with Mr. Cheshewalla or Mr. Redcorn
- on the issue of whether or not the Osage Minerals Council
- should consider options for renewable energy on a
- 13 go-forward basis?
- 14) MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. That question calls
- for discussions that happened in the context of
- 16 litigation, including the attorney-client privilege. I'm
- 17 instructing the witness not to answer the question.
- (BY MR. McCORMACK) I'm not talking about
- anything having to do with the Enel case. I'm talking
- specifically about whether at any point in time,
- 21 Mr. Waller, you recall having a conversation with
- 22 Mr. Cheshewalla or Mr. Redcorn with regard to the
- generalized topic of whether or not renewable energy
- 24 should be something that the Osage Minerals Council should
- 25 look into as a prospect for future consideration or

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 development?
- MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the
- witness not to answer that question. It calls for issues
- 4 associated directly with this litigation, so that's
- 5 covered by attorney-client privilege and deliberation of
- an elected body called the Osage Minerals Council.
- 7 MR. McCORMACK: Let me get your most recent
- 8 instruction understood. If Mr. Cheshewalla and Mr. Waller
- 9 had a conversation generally about the prospect of wind
- 10 development or renewable development in Osage County for
- 11 the future, your view, even though lawyers weren't present
- 12 for the conversation, is it would be privileged because of
- 13 litigation between Enel and Osage Minerals Council; is
- 14 that right?
- MR. PIPESTEM: No, that's not my position.
- 16 MR. McCORMACK: Okay. That's the question I
- 17 asked, so why are you instructing him not to answer?
- 18 MR. PIPESTEM: You asked a question. I'm
- 19 telling you I object for different reasons.
- MR. McCORMACK: No, you instructed him not to
- 21 answer my question.
- 22 MR. PIPESTEM: That's correct, that's correct.
- 23 MR. McCORMACK: If you had -- if you had an
- 24 objection about whether or not I strayed into privilege,
- 25 you could've inquired into that, but instead you

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- 1 instructed him not to answer my question, and I want to know on what basis did you do that? 2. 3 MR. PIPESTEM: On the basis of attorney-client 4 privilege. If you want me to explain. MR. McCORMACK: No, I don't, because your theory 5 is if you talk about wind power it's privileged, which is 6 beyond my comprehension. But let me ask a different 7 8 question, and let's see if I draw another one of these objections and instructions not to answer on things that I 9 10 don't think are even remotely privileged, but let's see. 11 0 (BY MR. McCORMACK) Did you have a conversation at any time with Mr. Cheshewalla or Mr. Redcorn in this 12 13 timeframe, 2015 or anytime thereafter, on the general 14 subject matter of whether or not it made sense for the 15 Osage Minerals Council to look into the prospect of renewable energy taking place somewhere on the Osage 16 Mineral Estate? 17 18 A For any company, not just yours?
- Yes, sir, especially not mine. 19 Q
- 20 Well, I don't know. You're the one we were
- 21 having to deal with thinking.
- 22 Q Understand, but the answer is yes, any company.
- 23 MR. PIPESTEM: I'm instructing the witness not
- 24 the answer to the extent that any answer involves
- 25 communications related to Enel or any affiliated

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- 1 companies.
- Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Mr. Waller, you're up.
- 3 A In executive.
- Q Okay. So you had conversations about the
- prospect of renewable energy in Osage County in executive
- session; is that right?
- 7 A I said that when I started talking.
- What was the nature of those conversations?
- 9 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. That is a -- I'm
- 10 instructing the witness not to answer about the
- deliberations with legal counsel.
- MR. McCORMACK: Fair point.
- 13 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) In the conversations that
- 14 you -- well.
- MR. McCORMACK: You have a very broad net,
- 16 Counsel.
- 17 MR. PIPESTEM: Counsel, you continue to ask
- 18 questions that are clearly within the privilege. I mean,
- 19 some of these aren't hard. I understand we may disagree
- 20 on the margins here, but this is right at the heart of
- 21 their communications.
- MR. McCORMACK: I asked only about
- 23 communications with people other than Enel, and the answer
- 24 was yes, that there were communications with others other
- 25 than Enel in executive session. Then I asked what was the

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1 MR. PIPESTEM: I agree.

2 MR. McCORMACK: Let me ask this question.

3 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) You said -- I asked you

4 about Mr. Cheshewalla and I asked you about Mr. Redcorn,

5 and there are obvious statements about wind power in this

6 2015 Osage Minerals Council meeting, yes? I've asked you

7 about that. Fair enough so far?

8 A The answer is yes.

9 Q You've told me what you could about those

10 discussions, which is what you've already testified to.

11 And then I asked if you ever had any further conversation

12 not involving Enel about the development about renewable

13 power, generally, in the Osage Mineral Estate. And you

14 said yes, you had that conversation at executive council.

15 Am I right so far?

16 A With my councilmen. I didn't talk to a company.

Okay, with your councilmen. In the

18 conversations that you had with Mr. Cheshewalla and

19 Mr. Redcorn, did those take place after this meeting of

20 2015 or at any other time beyond this 2015 meeting?

21 A Executive session.

Q Okay. So the answer to that question, I guess,

23 is yes, that it did occur but it occurred in executive

24 session; is that right?

25 A Yes.

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What was the context of those discussions? Did 1 O it involve litigation with my client Enel? 2 3 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. You're asking him to 4 make statements about conversations that he just said were 5 privileged and as a part of an executive session of the Osage Minerals Council. 6 7 MR. McCORMACK: Okay, you're saying that if they had a conversation about the future of renewable power in 8 Osage County in an executive session you're going to 9 10 instruct him not to answer whether it involved litigation 11 or not, correct? 12 MR. PIPESTEM: In this circumstance that 13 involves litigation, the future of wind energy, yes, is 14 related to this lawsuit. MR. McCORMACK: I don't know if you were at that 15 16 meeting or not, but it's really not for you to say whether 17 they involved it. This is really for this witness to say, 18 so let's ask that question. 19 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) In this executive session in 20 which you had conversations with either Mr. Cheshewalla or Mr. Redcorn about the future of potential renewable energy 21 2.2 in Osage County, was litigation counsel present for those 23 meetings? 24 Α Yes. 25 Okay. Did the subject matter of those Q

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- instruct if need be, but you've never had a conversation
- with Mr. Cheshewalla or with mister -- excuse me.
- MR. McCORMACK: Put my document back up,
- 4 Mr. Concierge.
- 5 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) You've never had a
- 6 conversation with Mr. Cheshewalla or Mr. Redcorn on the
- 7 issue of the renewable prospects for Osage County and
- 8 Osage Mineral Estate other than in executive session and
- 9 other than when your counsel was present for this case; is
- 10 that right?
- 11 A That's correct. I had to be in front of my full
- 12 Council or whoever is present for the quorum.
- 13 Q Okay. Do you know if anybody in the audience or
- 14 anyone else commented in this 2015 meeting on the
- 15 statements that were made by Mr. Cheshewalla and
- 16 Mr. Redcorn with regard to the options for renewable power
- in the future in Osage County?
- 18 A The minutes reflect they did.
- 19 Q And that would be Mr. Connor. Anyone else?
- 20 A The minutes reflect what happened.
- 21 Q All right. "Councilman Yates states that he is
- 22 firmly against the wind industry and he is against any
- 23 kind of negotiating with them." Do you see that?
- 24 A Yes, I did.
- 25 Q And that was a position he consistently held?

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1 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. Calls for communications that were part of this litigation, and so 2 3 I'm instructing the witness not to answer the question. 4 MR. McCORMACK: You're instructing the witness 5 not to answer the question of whether Councilman Yates consistently took the position that he was firmly against 6 the wind industry and against any kind of negotiating with 7 8 the wind industry? 9 MR. PIPESTEM: That's not the question that you 10 asked. 11 MR. McCORMACK: I thought it was. 12 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) In any event, this position 13 that Mr. Yates took at this meeting that he is firmly against the wind industry and is against any kind of 14 negotiating with them, was that a position that was his 15 16 consistent position, from your observations and 17 understandings, in connection with your dealings with the 18 Osage Minerals Council? 19 MR. PIPESTEM: Objection. I'm instructing the 20 witness not to answer the question. Communications between Councilman Yates and Councilman now Chairman 21 2.2 Waller involving litigation and any kind of negotiations 23 with other parties, particularly Enel, was a part of an attorney-client communication and deliberation among the 24 25 Tribal Council -- pardon me, the Minerals Council, so

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1 ten minutes from now? 2. THE WITNESS: Thank you. 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 4:22 p.m. 4 (BREAK FROM 4:22 TO 4:33) 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record at 4:33 p.m. 6 7 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) Welcome back, Mr. Waller. Α Thank you. 8 MR. McCORMACK: One thing I wanted to say before 9 10 we proceeded to this section is that I have spoken to Mr. Pipestem about an issue that he and I have been 11 talking about throughout the day, which is I have a series 12 13 of questions that relate to leases and sandy soil permits 14 and waivers that cover a variety of periods of time, 15 including a period of time before November 21, 2014. 16 Mr. Pipestem has advised me that if I were to ask any questions about those subject matters prior to 17 18 November 21, 2014, he would instruct the witness not to 19 answer those questions for the reasons that he has stated 20 previously on the record today. (I have told him that I don't agree with that, that I object to it, and I reserve 21 22 my rights relative to it. 23 But to save us the gymnastics of having that 24 fight on the record, I will agree to proceed on a period 25 of time that is post November 21, 2014 so as to avoid a

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- 1 case-by-case instruction while reserving all my rights.
- Mr. Pipestem, anything you want to add to that?
- MR. PIPESTEM: No.
- 4 Q (BY MR. McCORMACK) All right, so let me show
- 5 you what has been marked as, it's tab 30, I believe we're
- 6 already marked it as plaintiff's 165, so let's go back to
- 7 that one for a second. This is the August 19, 2015 OMC
- 8 minutes. On page four under the item ODOT, maybe you want
- 9 to blow that one up.
- 10 You'll see it says here that someone is at the
- 11 Osage Minerals Council's meeting on August 19, 2015 from
- 12 the ODOT, which I read to mean the Department of
- 13 Transportation in Oklahoma. Is that a fair presumption on
- 14 my part, Mr. Waller?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q All right. And he talks that the department has
- 17 a lot of work in Osage County over the next several years.
- 18 I know that historically there had been arranged between
- 19 OMC and the DOT, but here he states that there is
- 20 \$42 million in bridgework and some road work underway. He
- 21 proposes a memorandum of understanding to provide the
- 22 Minerals Counsel with the projects they have coming up.
- 23 Do you see that?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Was this the first time that you understand that

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